GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RESTORATION OF HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether a project for restoration of the heritage site of Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh, has been undertaken by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH);

(b)if so, the steps taken in this regard indicating the progress so far made;

(c)whether any fresh antiquities have since been recovered in the area;

(d)if so, the details thereof; and

(e)the details of heritage sites taken up by INTACH for restoration in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)Yes, Sir. (The Central Government have also its own projects that are being executed in Khajuraho).

(b)INTACHhas undertaken the work to desilt (1) Prem Sagar, (2) Khajur Sagarand (3) Shiv Sagar apart from conservationof the eastern ghat of Khajur and Shiv Sagar respectively.

(c)&(d)19 sculptures depicting religious and secular features are reported to have been recovered.

(e)No centrally protected monument is being restored by INTACH in Maharashtra.